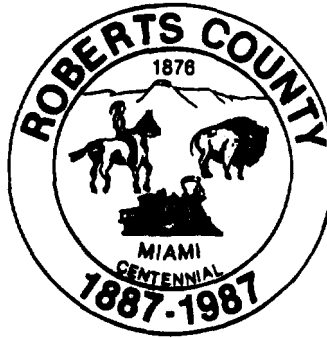


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April 7, 1993

Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M. Street NW Room 222  
Washington, DC 20554

Attn: Mrs. Donna Searcy

Subject: Docket No. 92-235

Dear Sirs:

I was just informed of and received a copy of your Notice of Proposed Rule Making regarding Docket No. 92-235. If I might I would like to take this opportunity to present a few areas of concern regarding this rule change proposal that are pertinent to our particular area.

The geography of our area of the State of Texas, the Panhandle, is composed primarily of rough, rolling hills formed by the various tributaries that comprise the Canadian River System. As you know, these terrain features are very detrimental to effective radio range. Possibly an even more important characteristic of our area is the vast distances which must be covered during normal operations.

I must frankly admit that much of the technical language in your proposal is out of my expertise but I am able to extract enough of the intent to propose the following objections.

Due to conditions mentioned above, our normal range of operations may exceed one hundred miles. If our radio equipment is limited in range to fifty miles and we are not allowed to utilize repeaters or other forms of enhancement, much of our law enforcement and emergency services communication will not be feasible. For example, our Emergency Medical Services are coordinated at present from the Amarillo Emergency Operations Center which is over ninety miles from our community. Without relevant repeaters and other equipment, our emergency operations would not have the benefit of enhanced medical assistance available from trained personnel in the Amarillo Center.

Another area of vital concern is the potential financial burden of your proposed changes. As I am sure you are aware, tremendous economic burdens are continually being placed upon already strapped tax resources. The additional burden of outlandishly expensive communication gear would

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lead to drastic cuts in the communication capability available to our law enforcement and emergency services personnel.

In summary may I say that restrictions in range and flexibility of our communications network would have dire consequences upon our constitutionally delegated responsibility to provide competent emergency services to the citizens of Roberts County.

Your consideration and assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vernon H. Cook". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "V" and a cursive "H".

Vernon H. Cook  
County Judge  
Roberts County